

first 12 not reasonably excepted against Shall Stand and Serve for the tryall, vid: Cap: 38:

Declared a fundamental law by chapter 141, 1683. Confirmed by chapter 154, 1684; chapter 175, 1685; chapter 186, 1688; and chapter 191, 1690. Abrogated in 1693. Compare chapter 146 of 1683, Vol. II St.L. 43, ch. XXXV, and Vol. II St.L. 43, ch. XCVIII.

CHAPTER 70.

LAW ABOUT TRESPASS ACTIONS.

Chap: 70 Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid & it is hereby Enacted, That all actions of debt Accompt or Slander, & all actions of Trespass shall from henceforth be first tryed by the respective County Court, where the Cause of action did aryse.

And if any person shall think himselfe agreived with the Judgment of the County Court, That then, Such person may Appeal to have the Same tryed before the Governor & Council, Provyded allways that the Same be above 12 pounds. And that the person appealing do put in good & sufficient Security to pay all Costs and damages, if hee shall be Cast, as also to pay the Cost & Charges of the first Suit.

Confirmed by chapter 154, 1684; chapter 175, 1685; and chapter 186, 1688. Repealed by chapter 192, 1690.

CHAPTER 71.

LAW ABOUT DEBT ACTIONS.

Chap: 71 Be it Enacted &c: That if any person shall pretend his debt or damage to be above 5 pounds, and upon hearing therof it shall appear to the Court to be under that Value, In all Such Cases, The plaintiff shall Lose his action, and pay the defendant the Costs . . . But the plaintiff shall have Liberty to withdraw his action & be Non-suited if hee see Caus, before the Jury have given in their Verdict yet so as he pay the full Cost and Charges to the defendant.